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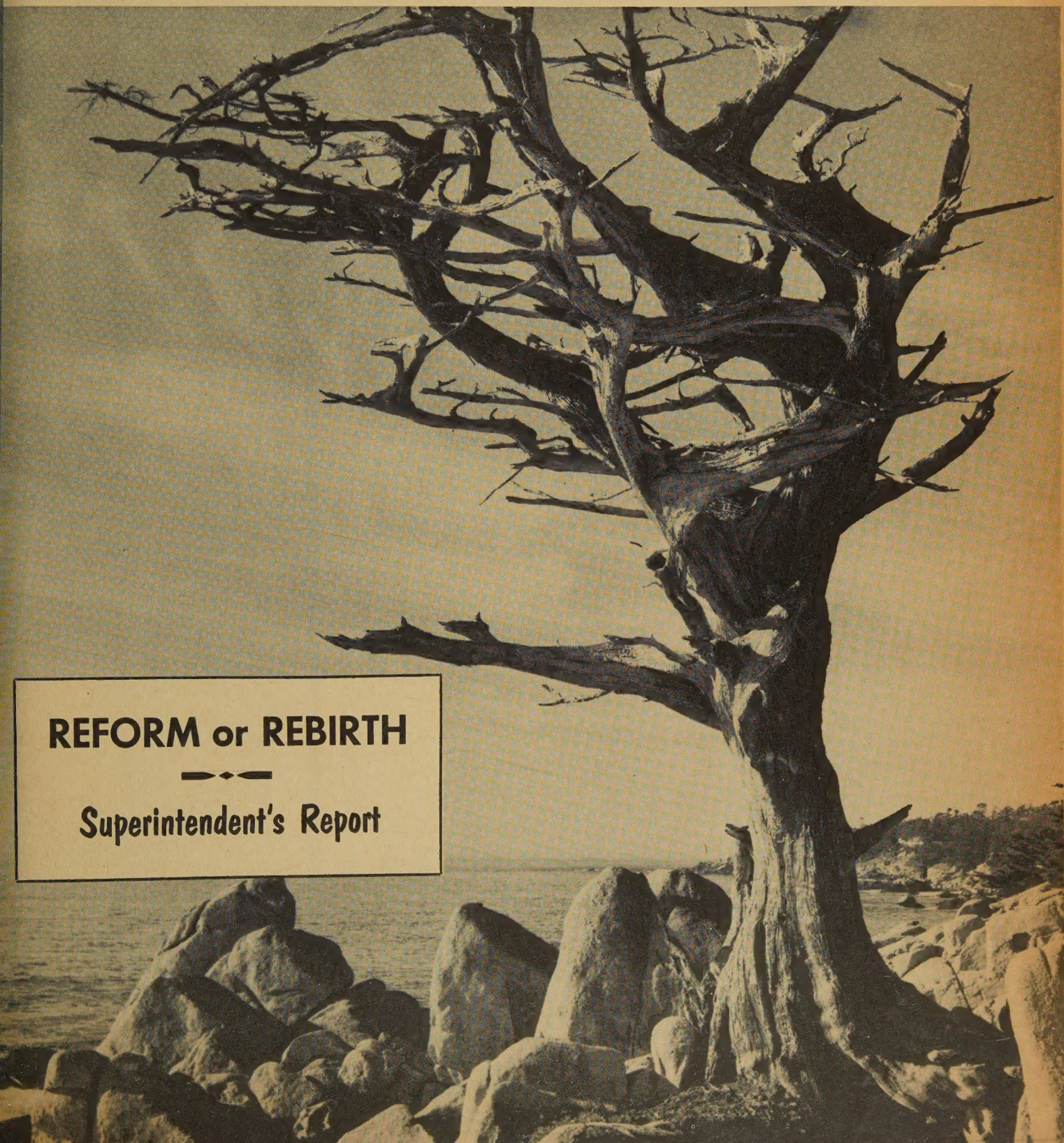
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REFORM or REBIRTH

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Superintendent's Report



Editorially Speaking

Let's Have Some Walkee with Our Talkee

God has always sought and directed those who sincerely try to serve Him. And I think most Christians want to do something for God, some more and some less. But, it is not enough to merely *want to*. It never really counts until we actually get in and labor at the task He has given us. How easy it is to stand in the wings of Christian service and visualize ourselves on the stage making a grand performance of God-pleasing service. Visions and dreams in themselves never get the job. Perhaps the trouble of waiting comes from not having opportunity for US to make the performance. How much better it is when we do God's work simply because we love Him.

When the Spirit of God has His way with us we cease thinking and just talking about witnessing and working — WE DO. *Action* is the keynote of our commission and without it we will lose the blessings that do not involve action. We live in an age of much doing. Men are challenged and moved until they will work with all their might for one cause or another. A position in life drives some to work late at the office and forgo an evening of relaxation. A political creed drives others to sacrifice life's many happinesses. Money is the thing that moves many to action. These people believe in doing and not just dreaming. All for a cause, but who has the greatest cause of all? We do!

Recently I read the following, "A Chinaman brought a number of his friends to the mission. When asked how he succeeded in getting so many to come, he said, 'I got on my knees and talkee, talkee, talkee; then I got up and walkee, walkee, walkee.'"

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On the beautiful 17 Mile Drive near Monterey stands this picturesque tree. It is well understandable why it has gained the name "Ghost Tree."



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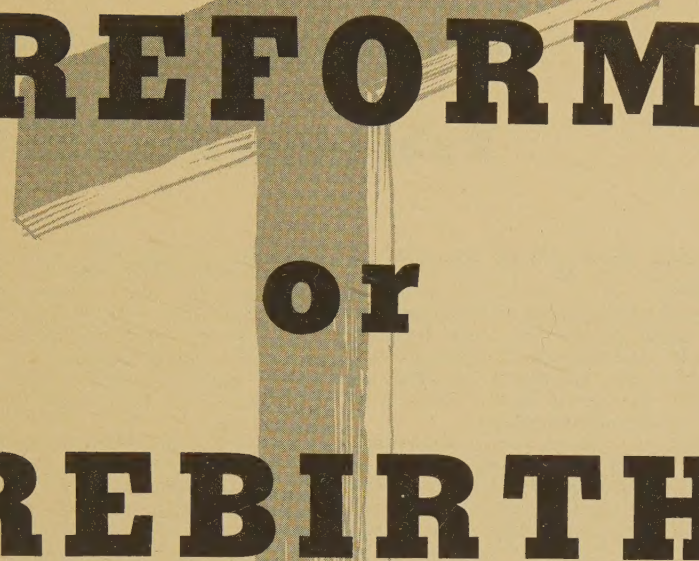
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REFORM or REBIRTH

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CONVICTS TAKING PART IN AN EXPERIMENT at the Woodlake road camp in Tulare County, California, put on earphones when they went to bed at night. The earphones were connected to the camp's broadcasting system, through which at intervals throughout the night a soothing voice gently suggested a better way of living:

"Listen, my inner self," the voice pleaded, "remember and obey this creed of life: live relaxed, completely and utterly relaxed. . . Love God, my family, and others. . . Have faith. . . Face life without fear, be calm. . . Know myself and my faults. . . live without alcohol. . . I am truly happy. I give my life to my family, to my friends, and to the world. I am filled with love and compassion for all, so help me God."

The men, eager for anything that would bring a better life, willingly

the suggestions of faith and love and happiness.

But their basic problem was no different than that of thousands of others who have managed to live within the framework of the law of the land. The universal problem is a *sinful heart*. The suggestions of positive living may help all of us to "live better" for a time, but the *real* problem, the sinful nature, is not thereby solved; it will continue to assert itself and eventually destroy the individual.

If it were possible for men to become new creatures with new desires merely through the power of suggestion, then Jesus Christ need never have come to the world to die. But sin is an ugly, evil, powerful force, driving men to destroy themselves and others.

It is sin in the heart that drives men from one drink to the next — from opened their subconscious minds to

grudging to hatred to murder — and to a thousand other forms of evil.

*"What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."*

Christ died for our sins. There is no other remedy. That's why God sent His Son. "He loved us and gave himself for us." He alone can cleanse and change the heart of man so that he is made a *new creature*. "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Jesus knew what it would take. "Ye must be born again," He declared. There must be a rebirth of the spirit. Reform is not enough. That is something you do yourself, often by great effort, but it does not change the heart. Only a spiritual rebirth can change the heart, and this takes place when we come to God, admit our hopeless, helpless condition, and believe in Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour.

This rebirth is a new birth — a birth of the spirit. It's an about-face that comes through an act of God in forgiving, cleansing, and saving us. It makes us hate the sin we once embraced, and love the things of God which we couldn't even get interested in before because we didn't understand them.

If you have not yet accepted Christ, you are fighting a losing battle against the evil nature within you. Come to the Saviour now. He has promised that "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37).

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After you have prayed, believing in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, please let us send you a little booklet to help and guide you in your new-found faith. Just fill in the coupon below, or write a letter if you wish, telling us of your experience. There is no charge to new converts for this booklet. —The Pentecostal Evangel.

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*Realizing that reform is not enough,
I now accept the Lord Jesus Christ
as my personal Saviour. By His grace
I want to live for Him. Please send
me the booklet, "A Word of Encouragement
to Young Converts," by
Ernest S. Williams.*

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February 24, 1959

The sands of time have trickled quickly down through the hour glass of another eventful year in the history of this great district fellowship and we stand upon the threshold of what seems to bid well to be an even more eventful period under God.

Surely we can joyfully say, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad!" One translation makes Proverbs 15:30 state, "Good fortune is the joy of life, good news is health and vigour." — Moffat. The billboard says, "It is Lucky when you live in California" but we believe it is in the providence of God, not only that we are fortunate enough to be in California and Nevada but also in the great grace of our eternal Christ.

In presenting to you my third annual District Council message and report I trust to at once warm your hearts by way of appreciation of what God has done for us and to quicken your imaginations, stimulate your vision, and to challenge your activities for a glorious future.

Never unmindful of His gracious continuing mercies and thankful for His love and grace we advance with confidence as His hand leads us.

In a fast changing economy such as that in our great district even the spiritual forces dare not remain static for long. To do so would only mean we'd all be left behind.

To our area have come from all states and abroad men and women of vision and burden who, joining their hearts and hands with those already here, have helped to develop a strong emphasis upon soul winning and church development. To all of these we shall be in some measure forever indebted. We thank God for them. However, the accomplishments of yesterday can never compensate for the demands of tomorrow. We must clearly dedicate ourselves anew to

the on-going demands of the church of tomorrow.

Like housekeeping, there are many phases of district work that are less than romantic. One finds it necessary to so orient himself that he recognizes that steady plodding on in the duties that come daily is a part of the great service of the Master.

Your District officers and department heads have sought loyally and faithfully to serve you in those respective areas to which you have called them. I am sincerely delighted to be associated with such a consecrated group of fellow-workers. All of us covet a continuing interest in your daily prayers.

The various boards and committees which you have chosen have done their work sincerely. Laymen and ministers alike have given of their time unstintedly. Some of the committees were given rather far-reaching tasks to perform. This has meant numerous meetings, in some cases much research, and in all cases much time spent. Having for the first time a number of laymen on committees has necessitated holding a great many committee meetings on Saturdays. Nevertheless, I have yet to hear a complaint from a pastor because he had to meet on a committee on so busy a day in his week.

Home and Foreign Missions

Our Home and Foreign Missions Committees have become very active in their respective fields. Not only in policy but also in promotion they have done the fellowship a real service. Our Assistant Superintendent's report will clearly indicate the growth and development in both which has surely encouraged us all. May we never forget the Lord's imperative "Go ye!" The necessities laid upon us both at home and abroad almost overwhelm us at times. We can, however, faithfully witness until He comes. And, we will cooperate with the efforts the District and General Councils promote to build new congregations of born-again, Spirit-filled, victorious-living saints in every possible place in our District.

Educational Board

Your new Educational Board has had three meetings under the leadership of its able chairman, Rev. William E. Pickthorn. Thus far the most of its work has been exploratory, but some of its findings have been of profit in our various educational fields. Their continuing work, we believe, will prove of great value to the fellowship.

Re-organization Committee

One of the busiest of all committees this past year has been your Special Committee on Re-organization which was set up by

resolution at the 1958 Council. Composed of representative laymen and ministers, this committee has been chaired by one of our presbyters, Rev. J. R. Edgar. The able secretary of the committee has been Rev. Robert Pirtle who, incidentally, (with some help) published and mailed to you at Christmas time the results of the Committee's work.

Formed originally to devise proper means for integrating a greater percentage of lay persons into the respective district committees, there was later committed to it the responsibility of some amendments, adjustments, and editing of certain other additions to our governing regulations.

Finance Committee

The last District Council established a Finance Committee "to aid the District Officers in the field of finance. To coordinate the financial program of all departments, and to prepare a unified budget. To provide and implement the procurement program for this budget." This committee, ably led by its chairman, Rev. E. R. Scratch, has certainly rendered yeoman service. It held exploratory meetings in which it examined records of the District, of churches, of departments, and of individuals. It established pilot budgets for all headquarters departments for the year 1958 and admonished us to stick to them. It helped to establish wage scales for employees whose scales had not previously been set. It made up the budget for Bethany Park's 1958 camp. And it has now held a final hearing on the unified budget for the District offices and departments for 1959 which has been reported to the Presbytery.

To implement the procurement program for the budgets it called upon the chairman to write letters to all present and incoming members of the District to judiciously outline District financial policy as passed by previous District Councils. These letters met with varying reactions — but they worked! The end result, practically speaking, being an increase in tithes from our ministers of \$10,480.04 over the previous year. The \$73,806.86 received in 1958 exceeded by \$4,806.86 the rather optimistic anticipated income of \$69,000.00 which the committee dared to hope for early in the year, but scarcely had faith to expect. This, I should say is what kept us from ending the year in the red even in a recession year and despite the fact that 63 of our credentialed ministers contributed not one cent. While we note these things with great joy we must advise no lessening in the continued cooperation. Increasing fellowship responsibilities must foresee by faith an

endent's Report

by

Leonard Palmer

ever increasing financial cooperation by our membership.

In a day when more lay participation is being expected and welcomed may I draw the attention of our lay delegates especially to a sometimes overlooked sub-section of Article XVI, Section 1. e. "Minister's tithes, and freewill offerings from assemblies and individuals shall be transmitted to the District Treasurer; and at least one offering or more a year shall be contributed by each assembly to help in the District work." More lay participation presupposes at once more church cooperation in the regular support of the District's General Fund by our assemblies themselves. Thank you, brethren! We know and are certain "a word to the wise will be sufficient."

Executive Officers

You will recall that the Council Meeting in Richmond last year passed a resolution "that the number of Executive Officers be increased to include four pastors (Article X, Section 1). These four pastors shall be elected at large as Executive Officers from the constituency at the annual District Council by procedures outlined in our District Council minute book." The non-resident Executive Officers elected were: Rev. Clyde A. Henson of Sacramento; Rev. L. W. Suter of Carmichael; Rev. R. J. Thurmond of San Jose; and Rev. Oliver L. Foth of Oakland. These men have served faithfully and with distinction. While there has, of course, been some extra cost attached to this service, their timely suggestions and advice from mature experience have been invaluable to us in carrying out the ever increasing obligations which are laid upon us.

I would like particularly to have you observe my own change of attitude toward this body.

Christ's Ambassadors

Our C. A. work has continued to advance apace. By dint of hard work and faithful cooperation of the faithful officers, representatives and local C. A.'s, to say nothing of the ever tireless efforts of our peregrinating C. A. President, Rev. Walt Boring, not only has an outstanding piece of C. A. work been done but also ours has been an outstanding district in Speed-The-Light. The C. A.'s have at the same time been able to extricate themselves from a previously precarious financial status and are well on their way to complete solvency.

Women's Missionary Council

The District Women's Missionary Council under the capable leadership of their President, Mrs. Goldia Anderson, and her many helpers continue to do great things on the District level — Witness the Penny Parade

for Home Missions. At the same time they have won distinction on the National level with more WMC groups than we have churches (366 to 335) and more members than any other district's WMC. Top honors also came to them for missionary giving. Wonderful!

Sunday School

Our Sunday School Department ably led by its resourceful Director, Rev. David C. Colbert, has been making excellent strides forward. Having just completed a representatives seminar held in conjunction with the C. A.'s our Director is pushing forward to the great General Council Regional Sunday School Convention to be held in Stockton, April 28-30.

As an adjunct to his department's activities, Brother Colbert has organized a Christian Teachers' Fellowship for day school teachers who are Assemblies of God members. This has met with a really enthusiastic response. Over 125 are now enrolled as members. Local groups meet in various areas. An initial District-wide session was held at the District Office last July. We envision great possibilities for this group in many ways.

An interesting corollary to this is that our National Educational Department has appointed Brother Colbert as chairman of a committee seeking to establish a Christian Teachers' Fellowship on the national level.

Men's Fellowship

Starting as a strictly laymen's organization (with ministerial cooperation) since last Council our District Men's Fellowship has made truly remarkable advances. With Walt Hanson providing inspiring leadership (ably abetted by Gunnar Sondeno and Lewis Hurst) a note of genuine spiritual emphasis has been injected into the organization's impetus. "Winning Men for Christ" has become not only their motto but also their very real objective.

Lay men have now been appointed Directors in all sections save one. A recent Men's Fellowship Seminar at Sacramento challenged these leaders to dedicate themselves to the supreme task of soul winning. Already we are hearing how this has in turn set revival fires to burning in church after church in our District. Pastors, may we urge you to do everything you can to develop an active chartered Men's Fellowship in your assembly however small or large it may be. It will pay dividends now and in eternity.

Camp Meeting

Camp meeting season will be upon us before we know it. Whether Boys and Girls, C. A. or Adult camps, all have been

increasingly well attended and blest of God. With three adult camps and 18 or 20 others in four or five locations we are trying hard to meet the hungry heart's real need. Plan now to attend one or more in 1959. Why not have a spiritual vacation this year?

Gaston Memorial

The lovely new Gaston Memorial office building has served us well this past year. We are grateful to our constituency for making this beautiful and commodious office possible. So many from the District and from without have commended your foresight in this respect. Some indicate they may desire to pattern their own new district office after ours.

The landscaping and lawns have been done and shrubs are being placed from time to time. A splendid new electric sign graces the front of the property indicating the Bethany Park, Bethany Bible College, and District Office locations. Come see us some time. We'd be delighted to have you!

Bethany Bible College

It would hardly be fair for me to report at too great length on progress at Bethany Bible College. I shall leave that to our beloved president, Rev. L. R. Keys, on Thursday afternoon. Suffice it here for me to say that, following your positive action at last year's Council, we were able to re-finance at the College and, with the help of so many assemblies and individuals, we are now well on the road to our stated program. To reach our goal we will still need the aid of more and more of our cooperating churches.

Several new churches have been brought into being or have sought our fellowship during the past year. Our number of churches (335) now is the highest in our history. God grant we may serve each other with joy.

Glad Tidings Magazine

Glad Tidings Magazine, our District's official organ, continues to ably serve our communicants. Long recognized as an outstanding leader in its field, Glad Tidings continues to wield its influence in an ever-widening area. More new single subscriptions and an increase in church bundle rolls have been registered in 1958. And yet there is a need for a greater number in order to maintain an operation that supports itself. Selected advertising has made possible an enlarged paper but an increase of 2,000 subscriptions will be necessary if we are to keep the price at the minimum now charged for subscriptions. Brother Pastor, will you help us out on this?

Our last year's editor, Rev. Paul A.

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Kienel, was invited to join the editorial staff at Springfield in August. Thereupon, the Presbytery chose Rev. Melvin T. Johnson who has carried on in a vigorous and successful manner.

Property Deeded

Proving that there is a way to "serve God with mammon" Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barneson deeded as a gift for tax purposes a lovely home on the Sacramento River just outside of Tehama. We are glad for this addition to District assets which will add to our ability to advance the work of the Kingdom. May I here urge friends who are in a position to do so to deed properties or leave legacies to Bethany Bible College or the District and let your portion of this world's goods serve God for you perhaps long after you have passed to your heavenly reward. Brother Gerhart will be glad to put valuable information concerning these matters into your hands at any time.

New Churches

There have been a number of new churches and parsonages built or completed in 1958. Some educational annexes have been built or remodeled, and a few churches bought from other bodies. We have again been afforded the joyful privilege of participating in dedications, reconsecrations, and opening services. All of this we have enjoyed to the full with you brethren and sisters. Other new churches are awaiting now or are soon to be dedicated. Keep 'em going up fellows. It's wonderful to be a part of a great movement!

Spiritual Problems

The most of what I have said before has dealt with the material problems and progress of our District Fellowship. May I now view with you some of our spiritual problems?

In a sense as a Movement we are approaching a spiritual cross-roads. As we examine ourselves do we sense a lessening of the spirit of dedication to the task of winning men to Christ, and more of a spirit of "how can I win guaranteed security for myself?" Do we as laymen and ministers alike still thrill with that sense of "mission" which drove us relentlessly forward whether in the midst of friends or foes? A bit of retrospection and self-examination could be invaluable to us at times. Oh, may we never lose that passionate passion for souls, that love that loves until death, that fire that burns!

In these days of moral bankruptcy, loss of a sense of principle, rejection of scriptural directives, the negation of truth, contempt for authority, and political anarchy we need to take an inventory of the pressure of these influences on our church life.

In this regard we have noted an unusually large number of churches that have been rent by heart-breaking conflicts. Too many pastors have been voted out of their pastorates within the last six months — some because they failed by one or two votes to get the required 2/3 vote of those present for the re-election. A militant, often carnal, well-organized minority — sometimes professing profound spirituality — has succeeded in dismissing the pastor. Sometimes this is over a mere whim that his usefulness or effectiveness has ceased. Sometimes it is on charges which can not be substantiated. All too often it is because in the fear of God he has had to exercise discipline against some unscriptural or unethical conduct on the part of a carnal but very influential member. Must we do obeisance to the gods of selfishness, lust, rebellion, and petty dictatorship in the local assembly in order to remain as pastors? Must we bow to the unsanctified whims of some local leadership or strategically placed clique in the church to retain our positions and get our salaries paid? Shall pastors be forced to give up their God-given leadership of the church under the Lord Jesus Christ so some local Diotrephes can lord it over the church and the pastor? Too many a pastor has a sword of Damocles hanging over his head. No matter which way he turns he is in danger.

Men whose ministry has been blest of God, who have by their spiritual leadership brought both spiritual and temporal prosperity to a church, have been unceremoniously attacked by some officious trouble maker in the church.

Sometimes pastors or their wives have cracked under the pressures; or the burden has been so heavy they have resigned when they shouldn't have, to try to save a situation. If they've stayed on, the axe has been lowered on them. The carnal situation remains to plague the next man who comes to the pastorate. "My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

Is it not time that "judgment begin at the house of God" that "sinners and the ungodly" may "see where they shall appear?"

There must ever be "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" Temptation to deviations will arise on every side. We are called to hold the line against Satan and sin, recalling that "when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

In this connection let us be reminded of St. Paul's admonition in I Timothy 5:17-21,

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."

"For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward."

"Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses."

"Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear."

"I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality."

Exhortation

In turn, to my ministering brethren I take the liberty of repeating St. Paul's charge as quoted in I Peter 5:1-4, "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

"Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock."

"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

Let all of us be reminded of our proper healthy christian relationships to each other as stated in I Corinthians 3:9-11, 21-23, "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon."

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

"Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;

"Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;

"And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."

Caution

Just here may I sound a note of caution. There is a necessity for renewed emphasis on "the things most assuredly believed amongst us." One of our neighbor districts has a questionnaire its men must answer annually before their fellowship certificates are renewed. To the amazement of its District Officers, the question "Do you believe speaking with other tongues is the initial physical evidence of the infilling of the Holy Ghost?" was answered by 14 or 15 either "No" or "Not sure." These indicate the danger flag should be raised. True, that is not many. But it is too many! It is the indication that there is "death in the pot" for this great spiritual Movement. We must give more, not less,

emphasis to this great distinctively Pentecostal experience. "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain." Let it give forth no uncertain sound. We must not betray that testimony for which intrepid Pentecostal pioneers suffered want, ostracism, persecution, and even death. Ours it is to carry aloft this glorious banner of victory and plant it ever and again in some other stronghold of sin and Satan. Ours it is to see this same glorious truth win ever increasing battles in the lives of individuals and their communities.

These are days when the hungry-hearted of other denominations are seeking and finding God the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit as in New Testament times. Now is the time for us to care lest "the cares of this life, the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things entering in" so deceive us that we lose that precious holy touch from our lives, and be lost among the stuff while God the Holy Spirit by-passes us to fill the hungry-hearted elsewhere.

In a day of materialistic cant, haughty synicism, and worship of the gods of force and space it may be well for us to hear again the words of St. John, "Oh, dear children of mine have you realized it? Here and now we are God's children. We don't know what we shall become in the future. We only know that, if *reality were to break through*, we should reflect His likeness, for we should see Him as He really is! Everyone who has at heart a hope like that keeps himself pure, for he knows how pure Christ is." I John 3:2, 3 —Phillips.

Pentecostal People

A Pentecostal people filled with a Pentecostal baptism in the Spirit, imbued with a Pentecostal vision must set the world aflame with a Pentecostal fire. Dare we draw back from that holy mission or fail of our great objective of seeing Him as He is?

As I approach the conclusion of this report I am eager to express my gratefulness of heart to my fellow-officers, our department heads, our Bethany Bible College officers, faculty and staff, the boards of directors and advisors, our Executive Committee, our faithful Presbytery, our respective boards and committees, our pastors, evangelists and other fellow-ministers and missionaries, our office staff and helpers, and all our dear brethren and sisters in the assemblies across this great District. Without them and their faithful cooperation mine would be an impossible task.

We have enjoyed working with you and for you. To our heavenly Lord and Master, and to you His people we commit our future,

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard Palmer,
Superintendent.

Do You Know These Things About Church Boards ?

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have been asked to make a statement concerning that which is generally accepted amongst us as to the relationships of Church (Deacon) Boards to the church body and the pastor, respectively. Involved in this also are the considerations as to qualifications for Church (Deacon) Board members.

First of all, it is generally accepted amongst us that such men should as nearly as possible conform to the Scriptures as found in I Tim. 3:8-13; Acts 6:3.

Following this, while there is no published manual of complete instruction concerning the qualifications and duties of Church (Deacon) Boards, there are several published statements from District and General Council official sources. I quote: "The Assembly board shall be mature men full of the Holy Spirit, whose faithfulness shall have been in evidence and whose lives shall conform to the above Scripture." The Board of Deacons is chosen to assist the pastor. "It would be well to impress the Board of Deacons at the time of election that they have been chosen by the Assembly to serve, rather than to rule. While they are entrusted with the responsibility of handling the routine business of the church, all major matters affecting the church should be passed on to the congregation as recommendations, permitting the assembly to make its own decisions. This rule is vital for the peace and harmony of the assembly life." "If these principles are followed closely, in the fear of God, peace and harmony in the assembly life is assured."

It would seem to be good Christian practice for the brethren of the Church (Deacon) Board to be re-

minded that they are to properly represent the congregation which has elected them, rather than reflecting their own personal opinions.

Good Christian practice would seem to dictate that unless brethren can take the time to serve the church well they should not permit their names to stand for election.

To properly maintain a true feeling with reference to the church life, Board members should be regular in attendance at the church services not only on the Lord's Day but also in the mid-week. If a man finds he must habitually be absent from the services of the church it would be well for him to disqualify himself as a Board member in favor of a brother who can faithfully serve.

Loyalty to the church in moral and financial support should be a *must*. The giving of the tithe and offerings through the local church's general fund is naturally expected.

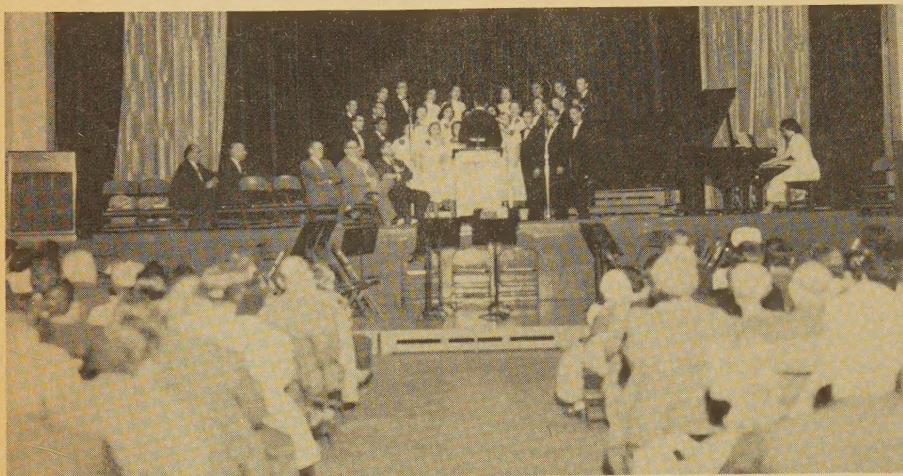
Church officers should consider it a privilege to serve the church. They should also gladly offer others the opportunity to serve. One of the published recommendations of the Council is, "No member shall be eligible to succeed himself in office until there has been a lapse of one year's time between terms of service." In this sense all may serve, and "all may learn." We feel this is a good policy for our churches and their Boards to follow.

Happy is the church whose pastor and Board members respect each others opinions and prayerfully work together to promote the cause of Christ and the program of their church in its field.

Faithfully and respectfully,
Leonard Palmer
Superintendent.



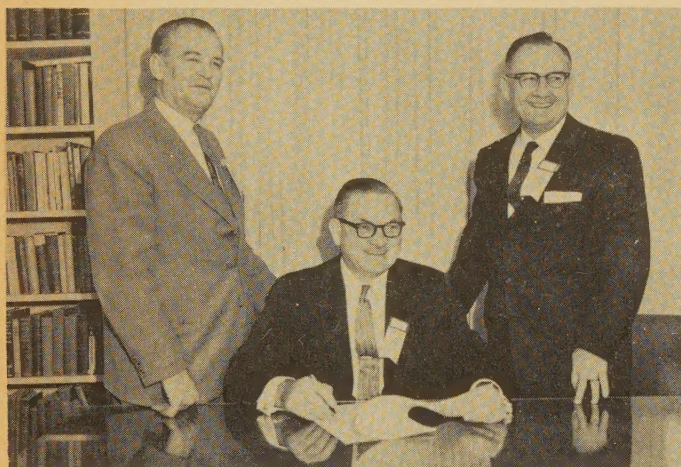
District Council News



Thursday night the Bethany Bible College choir was present to add inspiration to the service.



C. M. Ward, convention speaker, brings a forceful message.



R. A. Wilson, Leonard Palmer and Joseph Gerhart, these men were responsible for and conducted the convention.



The District Camp Committee met during Council to discuss and plan a full summer of camps throughout the District. After the response last year, they anticipate even greater camps in '59.



In full native dress is the Wheeler Anderson family, missionaries to Africa. They presented a very effective skit on Women's Missionary Council Day.

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W.M.C. Day At District Council

Tuesday morning and afternoon were set aside for the WMC activities. A parade of spectacular floats was demonstrated by the ladies of each section. First prize winning in this great event was the Redwood Section. Second prize was awarded to the Capitol Section. The purpose of the entire parade was the collection of pennies for missionary efforts. Well over \$4000.00 was given.

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PRESIDENT GOLDIA ANDERSON

Rev. Jack R. Edgar

The newly elected District secretary-treasurer, Jack R. Edgar, was born in San Francisco on Dec. 8, 1911. In several years his parents moved to Great Falls, Montana where he graduated from high school in 1929. He then attended Great Falls Commercial College training for the business world. From Commercial College he went to work for Sears and Roebuck as manager of their mail order office in Fort Peck, Montana.

It was in Fort Peck that Brother Edgar met Miss Ruby C. Nystrom. In 1936 she became Mrs. Jack R. Edgar. That same year they moved, under the direction of God, to Shinook, Mont., where they entered the ministry after obeying the Spirit's call. The Edgars labored hard in their first pastorate as they established a new church. Their daughter, Angeline Marie, now Mrs. Frank Taylor, was born at Shinook in 1937.

Shortly after this they moved to Cut Bank, Mont., where they were busy pastoring the church as well as an outstation among the Blackfeet Indians. God blessed Brother Edgar's efforts with the Indians and poured out a great revival. Here in Cut Bank John Allen was born in 1941. He is now attending Santa Rosa Junior College with a major in physical education.

In 1942 the Edgars moved to the Bellvue District of Seattle, Wash. where they pastored until Sept. 1945. At that time they came to Ukiah to pastor there.

God has blessed the Ukiah Assembly under the leadership of Brother

Edgar. He has had an unusually fine influence in the community through both his personal contacts and weekly Sunday morning broadcast. For thirteen years he has served as presbyter for the Lake-Mendocino Section. Brother Edgar is familiar with

this District and its business as well as acquainted with many of the members of the fellowship. He has served on numerous committees.

His congenial attitude and warm spirit is sure to prove a blessing in the responsible position he is assuming.

Rev.
Jack R.
Edgar



Personal Mention

Ralph Knutson and Betty Benberg were married Feb. 14 in Oakland.

Milo Netzler has been assisting the missionaries in the Islands since last summer. At present he is pioneering a church and is without support.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Dave Colbert, Mark Judson on March 13 in Santa Cruz.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Al Wyrick, Thomas Daniel on March 20 in Fresno.

Evangelist and Mrs. Al Wyrick have been ministering in Illinois, Florida and Kentucky for the past year and a half. They report a wonderful response to the Pentecostal message which in some areas is still a new message. They send greetings to the home District and friends.

A MOMENT WITH HIM

We mutter and sputter, we fume and we spurt;
We mumble and grumble, our feelings get hurt;
We can't understand things, our vision grows dim;
When all that we need is a moment with Him.

—Baptist Bulletin Service.

United Clothing Appeal

More than five million persons overseas — refugees, victims of disasters, the poverty-stricken, orphans, widows and other destitute have no source of clothing except what we can send.

Last year, the churches of this country working through Church World Service sent only 4 million pounds. Many times that much would not have been enough!

This year, in 1959, at least ten million pounds must be sent. This will protect hundreds of thousands from

the rigors of sub-zero winters and give them the warmth, dignity and self-respect all should have.

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The General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God

Declares Sunday, May 10, 1959

DOUBLE - D - DAY

Evangel College -- \$150,000 Urgently Needed !

THE DECISION:

The General Presbytery, meeting in emergency session, has recognized the immediate need for \$150,000 at Evangel College, our liberal arts school. This amount must be given to cover the costs, beyond student tuitions, of training our Pentecostal youth today for leadership opportunities tomorrow.

The General Presbytery has also recognized the need for providing financial assistance to our endorsed Bible Colleges, all of which are faced with similar economic needs in this day of rising costs.

To meet these urgent needs, Sunday, May 10, 1959 has been declared **DOUBLE-D-DAY**.

THE DISTRIBUTION:

DOUBLE-D-DAY gives opportunity to our Assemblies of God church members, and other friends of our Pentecostal youth to help the General Presbytery and the districts they represent in meeting their share of the \$150,000 goal. A gift of \$2.00 or more will relieve this financial emergency at Evangel College and our Bible Schools.

*D-DAY Meant Victory
for America*

*Double-D-Day will Mean
Victory in Christian
Education for our
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Christ's Ambassadors



Walt Boring, D-Cap

C.A.s Enjoy Kangaroo Court

February 8th the C.A.'s of the Orangevale Assembly of God enjoyed a unique youth service. We called it a Kangaroo Court. Pastor M. L. Woods acted as his honor the judge. There was a jury of six, a court clerk, a prosecuting and a defending attorney. Several young people, without any previous notice, were called as defendants and accused of various acts they had committed such as talking in church and coming late to services. Each was condemned bitterly by the prosecuting attorney, then defended by the defending attorney and acted upon by the jury. Such sentences were given the guilty as sitting by themselves in church and cleaning up papers in the church auditorium. The last case was accused of sins that had occurred before salvation then defended by the scripture, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus. . ." Romans 8:1.

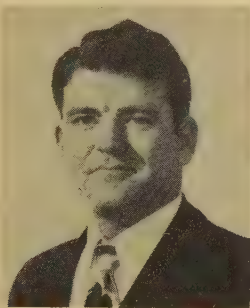
Ralph W. Hiatt
Minister of Youth.



TALENT TERRIFIC — Sectional Rep. Don Annas, North San Joaquin Section, reports his section has just concluded two very wonderful rallies. The main point of interest was, first, a choir contest and, second, a quartet contest. The enthusiasm was high throughout the section as many groups participated by sending the best they had. It so happened that the Lodi C. A.'s won both contests, but the report is that the competition was keen. Hats off to the Lodi group for winning and to the rest of the groups for making a good try. Above Don Annas presents the trophy to choir director Ruth Washington. Pastor Gene Forrest is at left.

My C.A.s and I

by
M. L.
Woods



According to history the Governments of the World have used and trained the young in order to shape the destiny of nations. Almost every rebellion and demonstration is touched off by the leaders through the youth. The reason being that youth is looking for a cause to champion.

In the year of 1956 my C. A. group was very small and at the C. A. rallies we hardly had enough to register on the score sheet. As I sought God for a plan of growth, my mind was direct-

ed toward history of the world. If we were to grow we must build on youth for they are not the church of tomorrow only, but the motivating power of the church of today. In order to build this youth group we knew we must have a leader. After much prayer and consideration we were led to engage Rev. Ralph Hiatt as Youth and Music Director. Under his directorship my Teen-age C. A.'s have reached almost unbelievable proportions. From a Sunday School class of 8 to 50 in attendance, from an almost empty C. A. Hall to a bulging C. A. Hall on Sunday nights. At Rallies we have had as high as 12 car loads attending, winning the Class C Trophy in 1957, the Class B Trophy in 1958 and have moved into the Class A Division in 1959.

My C. A.'s, how I love them! It is a pleasure to work with them in Council Groups, planning C. A. services, Youth Centers on Monday night, Rest Home on Sunday afternoon, Youth Camps, outings from time to time and their attendance to

church services would inspire any pastor to do a greater job for God. Our C. A.'s rang 1200 door bells under the direction of the Men's Fellowship of which three of the four captains were C. A.'s.

My C. A.'s are in every department of the church. They are active on the Sunday School Staff, they are in the choir, two of them are board members, two of our three Junior Church Directors and the Head Usher are C. A.'s. In fact, wherever there is any function of our church you will find the C.A.'s active.

My C. A.'s and I are proud of our church, our community and our God. We have a vision to build a building to match the growth of our community and to fill it with the presence and operation of the Power of God in such a manner as to attract and deliver lost and dying souls from the clutches of Satan. Because of C. A.'s I face the future with assured confidence.

Pastor M. L. Woods
Orangevale First Assembly of God.



News From Our Churches -

AUBURN —

First Assembly prepared and served dinner to nearly forty men at the Men's Fellowship and Walt Hanson, district president, brought a message on winning men for Christ. Lynn and Ellen Wickstrom held a revival meeting in January and several were saved and baptized. G. C. Sturgeon is pastor.

CARMICHAEL —

Pastor L. W. Suter reports guest speakers J. B. Hosier, Mrs. Frieda Palmer and Woodrow Monday ministered to them recently. Carmichael W.M.C. won the sectional banner in the Penny Drive with \$156.

DOW'S PRAIRIE —

Sunday School is running from 85 to 100. Pastor L. E. Blue reports he is starting a church bulletin.

HALF MOON BAY —

The ten day revival with Lynn Wickstrom was most successful. The pastor is Jeff Hall.

HAYWARD —

Guest speakers for Pastor James Swanson recently were B. B. C. President L. R. Keys, Superintendent Leonard Palmer and the Fred Squire Evangelistic Party from London. The Blackwood Brothers ministered in song.

HUGHSON —

A joint W.M.C. Rally and fellowship meeting was held in February with Flossie Kaufman, A. M. Redding and Wilbur Ogilve speaking.

LIVE OAK —

Evangelist Dave Hood held a revival for Pastor J. A. Rogers in February with twenty saved and eight receiving the baptism.

LOMA PRIETA —

Feb. 9 we started our Teacher Training Course with the Sunday School superintendent, Brother Wesley Rouse, and the pastor as instructors. The second night Brother Rouse spoke on developing visitation. He brought in patterns from the Bible. The presence of God became so strong that people began to cry, some shouting, some praying while others were praising the Lord. The lesson stopped and the Spirit of God took

over. All of our teachers were refilled, workers received a fresh vision of souls. One junior boy was saved. This was the beginning. Night after night we had revival meetings. The sick were healed, the believers filled, lives transformed, homes changed and people saved. After two weeks God sent Brother Al Lewis to minister to us. We have taken on a new outlook and are following a deeper walk. In these four weeks the church has had an all time high attendance with the offerings doubled. For all this we humbly bow our hearts and thank God for "The Ministry of Visitation" of the Holy Spirit. Roy Norvell, pastor.

MILPITAS —

Helen and Esther Boardman have been doing promotional work since Jan. 4 and report visitation has increased the Sunday School attendance from 40 to 82, an all time high. Several families are interested in building.

NORTHLAND —

President L. R. Keys was guest speaker March 1. Evangelist Eddie Kramer held Youth Emphasis services. The pastor is W. C. Vickery.

OLIVEHURST —

Evangelist Dave Hood held a three weeks meeting for Pastor Searl Stover with 12 receiving the Baptism and at least 21 saved or reclaimed. Two new families were added to the church and two baptismal services were held in the new baptistry.

RICHMOND —

Central Assembly began meetings with Evangelists Smith and Rogers Mar. 1. Russell Griffin is pastor.

ROSEVILLE —

First Assembly enjoyed the ministry of L. R. Keys and the B.B.C. sound film. John McPherson held a Kids' Crusade Mar. 17-29. Paul Miller, as C. A. speaker in February.

SACRAMENTO —

Bethel Temple heard Evangelist Fern Olson in February. Clyde Hen-son is pastor.

SALINAS —

The Alisal Sunday School Teacher Training class was taught by M. H. Heicksen. Joe Wright is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO —

Glad Tidings Temple was host to the C. A. Rally in January. Tony Fountain, former recording star was the speaker. The pastor is Donald Lehmann.

SAN JOSE —

Bethel had guest speakers Joseph L. Gerhart and R. A. Wilson in the absence of Pastor Thomas Sutton. Evangelist V. Warrens held a Workers' Training course in February.

SAN JOSE —

Calvary Temple enjoyed the ministry of Donald Sheley during an exchange service Feb. 15. Pastor Kermit Jeffrey spoke in Glad Tidings Temple.

SUTTER —

During the three weeks revival with the Ambassador Trio there was an out pouring of the Holy Spirit.

TURLOCK —

Pastor Robert Carrington reports the recent meeting with Evangelists Donnel and Holler resulted in 15 receiving the Baptism, a number saved, the Sunday School hit a high average for January, healing services were held, the church was revived and the Kids' Crusade was a success. The pastor recommends the evangelistic team.

UPPER LAKE —

The Sectional fellowship meeting was held Feb. 9 with Porter Hicks of Boonville and Kenneth Bird of Willits speakers. Host pastor was Dale Johnson.

WATSONVILLE —

House of Prayer averaged 60 in Sunday School last year. Pastor Ray Dotson is interested in securing a Sunday School bus to use also for V.B.S.

WINDSOR —

George Effman held a three weeks revival for Pastor Lenard Griffis and 16 were saved and 1 baptised. Since Nov. 15, 41 have been saved.

WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA —

Pastor Maurice Caudill reports a three weeks meeting with Bill Young and Warren Parker. Since the church dedication in October the town has been stirred and there have been many visitors. Ten have been converted.

OUT OF DISTRICT REPORTS —

CHIAHUA, MEXICO —

James Foster held a campaign and in the first service 31 were saved.

DELANO —

Pastor Houston Baker writes their meeting with Evangelist Arnold Segesman was most successful.

NEW PLYMOUTH, IDAHO —

Evangelist N. R. Ingram held a two weeks meeting for Pastor George Phelps. It was a profitable revival with old fashioned preaching.

Men's Fellowship

WALT HANSON, President



THE CHALLENGE OF EVANGELISM

By
Gerald Boyd

Part I

There is no greater thrill on earth than to see a soul accept the Lord as Saviour, someone to whom you have witnessed or influenced to make a decision for Christ. Only then do you know the joy of your salvation. The business of every born again believer is to be a witness of Christ's power to save, heal and baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Too many Christians are looking for excuses rather than for opportunities to witness. In ourselves we are weak and incapable but, remember, "God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." (II Tim. 1:7). To procrastinate is dangerous for today may be the only opportunity you will have to speak for Christ. God is depending upon you to be a witness to those about you on the job and in the community. Let Christ live out His life through you and they will recognize the beauty of Jesus for, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Your enthusiasm for Christ and His Church will be noticed and respected for your living, what you profess, seven days a week.

Your feeling of inadequacy will leave you as you venture forth to speak for Christ. His Power will come upon and be in you for you are not seeking to exalt yourself but to lift up Christ. We need to regain that unconquerable spirit of the first century Christians. They were motivated by the power of the Holy Ghost and went everywhere witnessing of that

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Reports Show Increasing Interest In Men's Fellowship

SANTA ROSA

Brothers Walt Hanson and Gunnar Sondeno were present for the regular monthly Men's Fellowship for January. Both men spoke at the Saturday evening Men's Fellowship Banquet. Brother Hanson was the main speaker and brought a thought provoking and heart stirring message. Every man (51) was down on his knees seeking God at the close.

Brother Sondeno went to Novato for their morning service while Brother Hanson remained in Santa Rosa.

UKIAH

The Lake - Mendocino Section's

furnished by Mr. Hayes. Jack Kuykendahl, Sunday School superintendent and chairman of the Board of Deacons of First Assembly of God in Eugene, Oregon, showed his colored moving pictures of his hunting trip to Alaska. Highlighting the evening was a challenging message delivered by Mr. Kuykendahl.

The Lord is blessing Men's Fellowship in this church and there is every indication of a great future for this group.

LODI

First Assembly of God was host to the Men's Fellowship Banquet held



The group gathered at the Lake-Mendocino Fellowship Dinner.

Men's Fellowship Dinner was held at Ukiah on Jan. 17th. Walt Hanson and Gunnar Sondeno were the speakers. God moved in a marvelous way as these men were challenged with the need for winning men to Christ.

There were about 70 men present. A number of them were unsaved, but the Holy Spirit so moved on the meeting that all knelt and prayed at the close. One man, a painter, was definitely saved.

We have experienced a stir among all our people. Each Sunday since the meeting we have had folks seeking God for salvation at the altars.

LOS GATOS

"Fellowship," "food," and "fun" are words that can be used to tell about the first Men's Fellowship meeting in Los Gatos. It was held February 16 with Leon Hayes, local president and sectional chairman, presiding.

Some 70 men enjoyed elk steaks

in Elk Grove on March 2. It was in honor of Lodi's branch church in Elk Grove where Rev. Ed Kisroski is pastor. John Quiring, Men's Fellowship president, was in charge. Special guests were the Hobbs family from Richmond who furnished the music. The message was brought by Rev. Clyde Henson of Sacramento. In the closing moments several men raised their hands for prayer. About 85 men were present.

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Men's Fellowship

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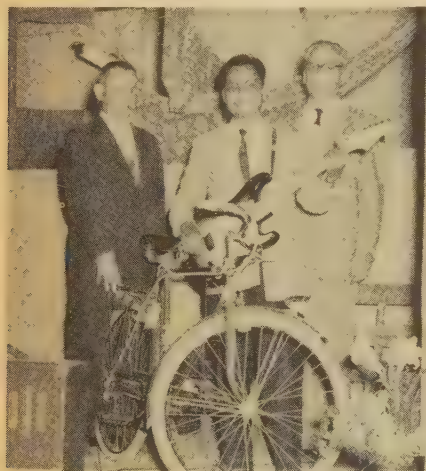
MISSIONARIES ABROAD

CENTRAL AMERICA —

John Franklin, Guatemala writes of the 250 Cakchiquel Indians saved through the efforts of Antonio. He was converted through reading the Bible while working as a lay preacher for the Catholic Church. They are making adobe for a building but \$700 is urgently needed for a tin roof before the rains come. Designate offerings to "John Franklin for new Indian Church."

CENTRAL AMERICA —

Arthur and Janie Lindvall, El Salvador report an out pouring in answer to a revival of prayer. In 17 sec-



Pictured is a bicycle purchased with money given by the Junior Department of the Vallejo First Assembly of God Sunday School. Left to right: Bro. Arthur, Rigoberto Funes, native pastor, and Bro. Lindvall.

tional meetings pastors gathered. Many were filled. Two weeks in March were set apart for fasting and prayer.

CENTRAL AMERICA —

Ralph and Jewel Williams, El Salvador write licenses were given 200 pastors, reports indicate 18,000 in Sunday School and over 500 lay preachers but the need is even greater. Funds are desperately needed to provide for nationals to be trained. Mark offerings "Special for Bible School."

EAST AFRICA —

Paul and Helen Bruton, Tanganyika report the Bible Training Center is finished. School opened Mar. 1. During January a meeting was held in Nairobi with 250 coming for salvation. Fully half were Asian and whites. Meetings were held in a tent.

FIJI ISLANDS —

Lawrence and Bertha Borst, Suva write of opposition while visiting another work. The rear window of their

Chevrolet was smashed and another was not available. Bikes for workers are still needed.

SOUTH AMERICA —

Arthur Erickson, Peru has not received the help promised toward their



The Arthur Ericksons are constructing a boat near the headwaters of the Amazon. It is shown here partially completed. This will serve as a means of reaching out with the gospel.

boat but has been able to get the frame work up. God is blessing their efforts and souls have been saved.

A church treasurer sent a field survey on their new church to the home office. Attached on the bottom was the following note: "Cost of property, plus cost of building, plus sweat, blood, tears and sacrifice equals ONE NEW CHURCH."

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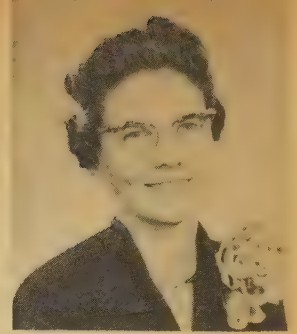
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CHURCH EXTENSION PLAN



W.M.C. Activities

GOLDIA ANDERSON, President



Officers Elected

Mrs. Elizabeth Gomes, wife of pastor E. R. Gomes, Santa Clara, was elected secretary-treasurer of the District Women's Missionary Council in Sacramento, Feb. 26. Mrs. Gomes succeeds Mrs. Mildred Green.

Also at the same election Mrs. Goldia Anderson was chosen to continue her service as president for two more years.

By strange coincidence Sis. Anderson and Sis. Gomes were friends when they were little girls in Centralia, Washington. In fact it was through the influence and patience of Sis. Gomes that Sis. Anderson found the Lord. The first day Sis. Anderson



Elizabeth Gomes

went to school she was taken by the lady who is now to serve as WMC secretary-treasurer. They worked together until the entire family of Sis. Anderson found the same Salvation she had.

It was at the Anderson's wedding that Mrs. Gomes Met Mr. Gomes. They were married several years later.

Little did these ladies know then that today it would be their joint duty to lead the District WMC program.

Mrs. Gomes has always been active in WMC work during their pastorates at Redwood City, Sunnyvale and several other cities in the District.

CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER (at right)

Here's a unique idea for your WMC. First Assembly of God in Lodi used this Christmas tree in September to create interest, and that is just what it did. \$100.00 in dollar bills were placed on the tree by adults. About \$30.00 worth of notions were placed under the tree by children. This was presented during the closing exercise at Sunday school.



Calvary Temple in San Jose conducted its first Missionette meeting Feb. 9. There were two young ladies present at their first get together. At their next meeting eight were there, and the third time they met 11 were in attendance. This group is being sponsored by Raechel Dugurd and Lolita Crofoot.

W.M.C. Day at District Council

District Council WMC Day was held Feb. 24 at Bethel Temple in Sacramento. This day, beyond doubt, was one of the highlights of the entire convention. The morning session was given to the annual penny parade and the many striking floats from each section. (see page 9). About \$4000.00 were given in this missionary effort. Awards were given for vary projects and accomplishments of different local groups. This great day was climaxed with a message for ladies from a lady, Mrs. Margaret Erickson of Maywood, California.

District Places First In National Giving

This report was received recently from the National WMC office in Springfield, Missouri. "You will be interested to know that on the report given to us by the accounting division, covering the quarterly reports sent in on WMC point 3 giving for all of 1958, your district ranked first in amount given to foreign missions, first in home missions, first in benevolence, first in giving to the district work, and even with your largest WMC membership, you were first in per capita. I believe this is the first time this has ever happened in one of our comparative reports."



Mrs. Margaret Erickson presents a forceful message.



Mrs. Mildred Green presents Mrs. Bernita Lockwood of the Central San Joaquin Section with a banner for the largest amount given for projects.

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mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in
thee.
Isaiah 26:3.

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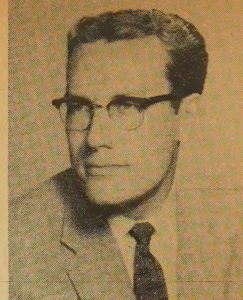


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DAVE COLBERT, Director



When You Go To The Convention . . .

By DAVE COLBERT

YOU NO DOUBT HAVE HEARD the admonition at some time or other, "Come to church expecting God's Blessing." This same admonition should be the watchword at our Regional Sunday School Convention at Stockton, April 28, 29 and 30. This Western Regional convention could well be the time when God's desire to ignite His workers afresh for the Kingdom will be accomplished.

Advance is made spiritually when all negativeness is replaced with spiritual determination, righteous anticipation and a heartfelt dedication. Therefore, "when you go to the convention" go with the determination to gather all ideas and methods offered for your particular purpose. A person without determination is easily driven about by various winds of thought. A person with determination is usually a person with a goal. Determination is that characteristic that establishes a purpose. Have you asked yourself the question, what is my purpose in attending the Regional convention? Is it primarily for the enjoyment of fellowship with friends, renewing acquaintances, etc. This, undoubtedly will take place . . . but our real purpose should be to *receive* as much as possible in the three short days of convention.

Many people, both from the national office and the local areas, have labored for many months in order that there might be a great Western Regional Sunday School Convention. All of this effort has been put forth in order that you may profit by it and be a better Sunday School worker. This convention becomes affective in your life only when you determine to make it worthwhile.

"When you go to the convention"

go with Anticipation. This word speaks to the enthusiastic individual. To anticipate is to expect something beforehand or to be looking forward to something. As you prepare yourself to go to the convention look forward to and expect to receive something from every session and visual demonstration. The Sunday School that is now staffed with enthusiastic workers

Let's Be Loyal

Visiting Day . . . Work Day . . . Fun Day . . . or the Lord's Day? Many people forget the sacredness of Sunday and turn it into a day for secular work and pleasure! The Loyalty Campaign, which began April 5 and continues through May 17, emphasizes the importance of *consecutive* Sunday School attendance. This campaign should be conducted in every Sunday School! It will remind the people of their responsibility to God, His Day, and His House.

"Count Me," the Loyalty theme, lends itself to a strong attendance-building emphasis. The weekly sub-themes, which stress faithfulness in every phase of Christian living, are: Roll Call Day, Welcome Day, Youth Day, Baby Day, "Bring One" Day, Family Day, and Honor Day.

The Loyalty Planbook, which is sent to all churches, contains ideas for publicizing and promoting the campaign. It also has specific plans and projects for each week's emphasis.

Salable items being offered this year include a skitbook, an attractive "Count Me" pin, and a Certificate of Loyalty. The Planbook has details for ordering these items.

If you have not planned your Loyalty Campaign — begin today! It will awaken your people to the necessity of building and *maintaining* consecutive Sunday School attendance.

will receive much from the convention that will spread throughout the church upon return of the workers and members. Thus, "when you go to the convention" go with a heart and life dedicated to the ministry of reaching the young and old through an effective Sunday School. When we stop and look at the vast field of 123,000,000 which do not attend Sunday School, we then realize nothing short of dedication to God and His Kingdom will get the job done.

The Sunday School Convention at Stockton will offer many features that will be profitable to the entire church, so pastors encourage your members and friends to attend and make a good showing for the church delegation night.

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MISSIONARIES AT HOME

By MARGARET BOND

ANDERSON —

George B. Anderson is scheduled to iternate in the South, Central and North San Joaquin Sections the latter part of April and during May. He will participate in the Marysville Convention in May.

ANDERSON —

The Wheeler Andersons are eagerly hoping that enough support will have been pledged to them so their April sailing date will not have to be canceled. We would like to urge those friends who have intended to help the Andersons to send in their signed pledges as soon as possible so they may go to replace missionaries who are in need of a furlough.

BELLMORE —

After iternating in the North Bay Section Brother Bellmore will be participating in missionary conventions in Bethel Temple, Sacramento and Marysville. Later in May he will be in the Redwood Section.

FELTON —

The Feltons have been able to complete their arrangements for going to Argentina and are booked to sail from New Orleans on April 17. Our prayers and best wishes are extended for God's blessing upon their ministry in

this new field.

KAUFMAN —

Sister Flossie Kaufman will be participating in missionary conventions in Sacramento, Bethel Temple and Marysville, and several WMC rallies.

VOCATIONAL MISSIONARIES —

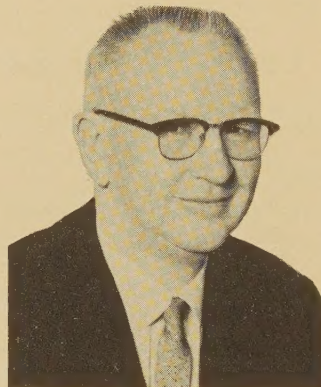
There are wonderful opportunities for vocational missionaries in Alaska, especially teachers, nurses, and nurses aids. Vocational volunteers may write

to the State of Alaska, Department of Education, care of Don Dafoe, Juneau, Alaska; or Bureau of Indian Affairs, Box 175, Juneau, Alaska. The state requirements are quite low about 12 hours of college credit while the Bureau of Indian Affairs require 24 hours for a teaching certificate. Form 57 can be obtained at any Post Office to make applications for appointment as teachers, nurses, nurses aids for the BIA. Alaska missionaries welcome such workers to assist them during summers or regularly as Sunday School teachers and visitors, youth workers, or story hour leaders.

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Challenge of Evangelism

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which they had seen, heard and experienced. They manifested a spirit that was neither apologetic, compromising or defensive.

Peter Marshall in his book, "The Man Called Peter" prayed, "God save us from the futility of inactivity and from the cowardice of silence." We have been standing by the wayside long enough letting the pastor and George carry the burden of this responsibility. Remember, God wants to use you. He has saved you from a life of sin and death. He has bought and redeemed you by the sacrifice of His own life. Consequently, you are not your own to live unto yourself, but you have been born again by the Spirit of God to serve your Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my Commandments." Matthew 28: 19-20 will explain what you are to do to be in good fellowship with your Master. Though a thousand voices from the world may call, live for Him who died for you, how happy then your life will be.

Next month: "What must I do to become an effectual Soul-Winner?"

he Value of Church Extension Plan

The following is a list of advantages of a Church Extension Plan subscription and loan program to the church and to the subscriber.

It has to offer to a participating church:

1. Credit where credit is needed. Church Extension Plan has a strong credit position and is able to borrow funds in behalf of a church when needed. Lending institutions recognize C. E. P.'s reliable credit position.

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4. Where an obligation already exists, it can be incorporated in a Church Extension Plan subscription and loan program, assumed by C. E. P. thus relieving the burden to the church by reducing the payments and to give the church the advantage of the lower rate of interest.

C. E. P. is prepared to assume loans on which the interest rate doesn't exceed 6% and carry the same loan amount with the church at 4.8%. Special arrangements can be made where a loan bearing an interest rate higher than 6% is to be assumed.

5. A Church Extension Plan program is set up in such a way that it can be increased at any time to take care of enlarged building projects as

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

| CHURCH | OUT-GOING PASTOR | IN-COMING PASTOR |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Craig Memorial Chapel Placerville | Joseph Wilderman Lowell Prinzing | Leslie Holdcroft C. L. Ruse |
| Correction: Last month we listed Mary D. Avila as leaving the Monterey Oak Grove Assembly. This was an error. Sis. Avila is still pastor there. | | |
| Transferred in: | From: | Transferred out: |
| Jack E. Little (O) | So. Idaho | Don W. Morrow (O) |
| Wilbur H. Wacker (O) | West Texas | Forrest Childs (O) |
| Tomey L. Blick (O) | Northwest | Ray Neal (O) |
| J. Edwin Anderson (O) | So. Calif. | Elbert Ross (L) |
| Katherine Olson (O) | So. New Eng. | W. A. Gould (L) |
| Gene Riggs (O) | Oklahoma | Lester Lancaster (CW) |
| John W. Hodges (O) | Oregon | Robert E. Ingersoll (CW) |
| Chester H. Schaberg (O) | Oregon | W. Welshenbaugh (CW) |
| Melvin F. Crandall (L) | So. Calif. | William L. Parshall (CW) |
| Carl S. Arnold (L) | Northwest | W. G. Holland (CW) |
| L. Dale Montgomery (L) | Northwest | Marjorie G. Bowen (CW) |
| Transferred out: | To: | Grady I. Warwick (CW) |
| Mrs. Archie A. Pool (O) | Oregon | John H. Gross (CW) |
| Samuel J. Clarke (O) | So. Calif. | Charles J. Custock (CW) |
| Charles J. Christian (O) | Oregon | Dudley Chew (CW) |
| Charles F. Baldwin (L) | So. Idaho | John Burbulys (CW) |

growth demands. Likewise, Church Extension Plan offers real advantages to the subscriber; namely,

1. It makes it possible for the subscriber to help his church with its building needs to an extent that he might not otherwise be able to do. This materially strengthens the credit position of the church and makes it possible for it to finance its building project at low cost.

2. The subscription becomes a savings account and it encourages savings, therefore, an investment.

3. The terms of the subscription note provide that the payment be accelerated in case of prior death, thus including the principle of protection.

4. Based on the payments made on the subscription note, 10% per annum interest is added to the total payments until it reaches a maximum of 150% of the amount of the note. A contract is issued for this 150%.

5. After the value has been built up to the 150% of the face of the note, it affords protection throughout the life of the contract and is payable at maturity at 150% of the amount of the subscription note.

6. While the subscription is not insurance and should not be construed as such, yet because of the provision of accelerated repayment due to prior death, it affords protection and is in that respect equivalent in value to life insurance and its value should be considered in this light.

RULES FOR USHERS —

1. Be on hand fifteen minutes before the regular services begin. This includes any special services during the week.
2. Be on hand one-half hour before meeting time when there is some special service where a larger attendance than usual is expected.
3. Close all doors leading to auditorium when prelude begins at each service.
4. Watch foyer so that when people are there the door may be opened for them. Have in your mind available seats so you may offer a selection.
5. Be sure that everyone receives a bulletin or announcement when entering church.
6. Greet the people with a smile and a cordiality they will remember.
7. Do not allow anyone to take a seat during Scripture reading, prayer, or special numbers. They can be ushered to seats before the service, during congregational singing or organ interludes.
8. Be sure that every one — especially the stranger — has access to a song book.
9. Ushers should prepare to come forward for the offering as the pastor begins his announcements. They should move to front with his first words relating to the offering and remain standing until he indicates he wishes them to begin the collection. When the order of service differs from the usual no unnecessary delay should be allowed.
10. At the close of the service tell the stranger in particular that you are glad to see him there and that you hope he will come back soon

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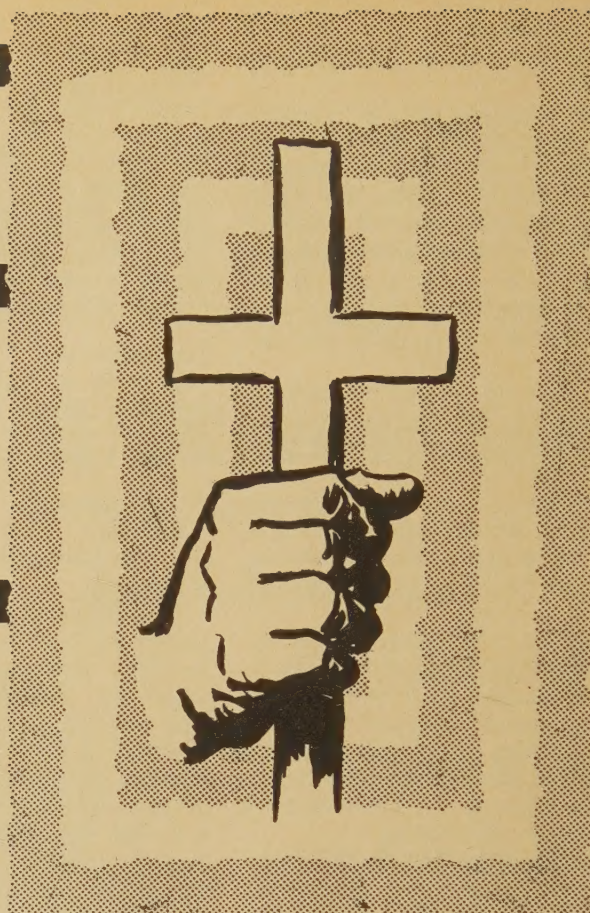
11:00 Registration Opens
2:00 Workshop on Handcrafts
6:00 Exhibits Open
6:45 Musicales
7:00 OPENING RALLY
Theme — "Reach Youth"
Message — Roger Arnebergh

SECOND DAY — APRIL 29

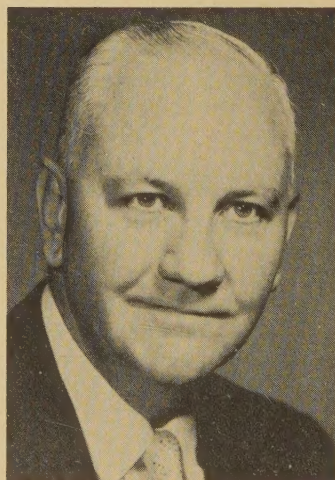
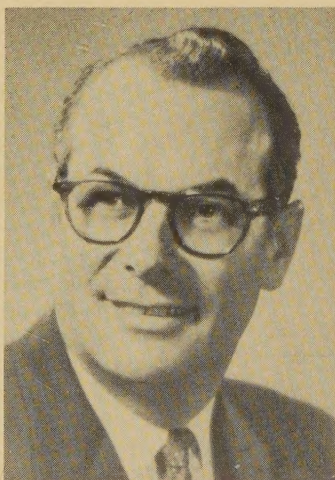
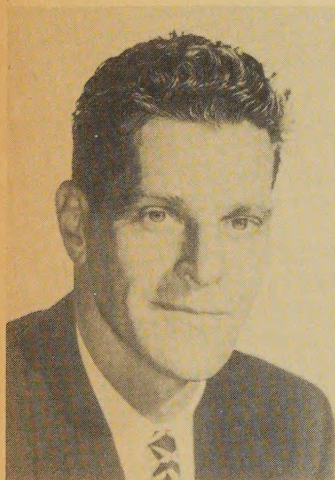
8:00 Vacation Bible School Lab
Nursery, Beginner, and Primary age levels
9:00 Exhibits Open
9:30 UNITED SESSION
2:00 WORKSHOPS
3:30 WORKSHOPS
6:45 Musicales
7:00 RALLY
Theme — "Reach and Teach"
Message — William Kirschke
Visual — "Muddy Feet"

THIRD DAY — APRIL 30

8:00 Vacation Bible School Lab
Junior and Intermediate age levels
9:00 Exhibits Open
9:30 UNITED SESSION
Theme — "Build Quality Schools"
Message: "A Spiritual Foundation" — C. W. Denton
Panel
Visual Feature — "The Standard and the Boy"
2:00 WORKSHOPS
3:30 WORKSHOPS
6:45 Musicales
7:00 RALLY
Theme — "Reach Now"
Church delegation awards
Message — Bert Webb
Visual Feature: "Watchman, What of the Night?"



REACH THIS GENERATION



EVENING SPEAKERS —

APRIL 28

Roger Arnebergh
City Attorney for Los Angeles

APRIL 29

William E. Kirschke
Pastor Calvary Tabernacle
Chicago

APRIL 30

Bert Webb
Assistant Gen. Superintendent

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